

COMMUNITY NEWS



MEMBERS OF GIRL SCOUT TROOP #300 assisted the Lions Club during last Saturday's Pancake Day. Girl Scout Melanie Mulatz is shown cleaning a table after supporters finish their meal. Among their duties, the girl scouts greeted people, helped carry plates and cleaned the tables.



Elba resident Johnny Seun jokingly said he was in charge of breakfast duty for his family last Saturday morning, and he could think of no better breakfast than pancakes and sausage.



TO GO PLEASE...For those in a hurry or unable to eat there, the pancake breakfast was able to accommodate. Above, Keith Grantham is shown fixing a go plate for his wife, Leslie.

Volunteers offer free tax help, make sure filers get tax credits

Working on your tax return? Need some help? It may be as close as your neighborhood library or community center.

The Internal Revenue Service has hundreds of trained volunteers who are staffing tax help sites across Alabama. Taxpayers whose household income is below \$38,000 and who file a fairly simple tax return can have their returns prepared free at any of these sites, most of which also offer free e-filing.

"These dedicated volunteers give their time to make sure people get all the proper tax credits and deductions, like the Earned Income Tax Credit," said IRS spokesman Dan Boone.

Boone said the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) can greatly increase the refund many tax filers get, but thousands who are eligible for the credit fail to claim it each year.

"Last year 470,463 Alabama families claimed more than \$995 million in EITC," Boone said. "Our volunteers are trained to identify others who are eligible and can benefit from this tax credit."

The maximum EITC amount for 2005 has increased to

\$4,400. To get the credit, taxpayers must have worked for some part of the year and have income under approximately \$38,000.

The free tax help sites are in convenient locations such as libraries, churches, community centers and shopping malls. Some even offer evening or weekend hours of service.

Many of the volunteers who staff these sites return year after year. The IRS partners with AARP, United Way, local governments and other community organizations to provide this free service.

The sites are located in these 31 counties in Alabama: Autauga, Baldwin, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Coffee, Colbert, Cullman, Escambia, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Gadsden, Jackson, Jefferson, Lauderdale, Lee, Limestone, Lowndes, Madison, Marshall, Mobile, Montgomery, Morgan, Russell, Shelby, Sumter, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa, Washington.

For site location and schedule information and to find out what documents and identification to bring, call the IRS toll-free at 1-800-829-1040.

Spring concerts showcase vocal talents at Troy

TROY University will be hosting a variety of choral concerts throughout the spring semester.

The Choral Masterwork Festival will be March 11 at 7:30 p.m. and March 12 at 3 p.m. at the TROY - Montgomery Campus Davis Theatre.

This festival features professional, community, and student singers and instrumentalists in recreating *Creation*, by the classical composer Franz Joseph Haydn, who is a contemporary of Mozart and Beethoven.

The music of this festival is upbeat, optimistic, and humorous, as well as beautiful.

In contrast to the large per-

forming forces of the Choral Masterwork Festival, the Choral Chamber Concert will be April 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus.

The Chamber Concert is under the direction of Dr. Diane Orlofsky, conductor of the Chamber Choir, which according to Dr. Orlofsky is "traditionally, mixed vocal chamber groups that is on the small side and focus on the SATB (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) literature."

In addition to the spring choral concerts is the Gospel Singers Concert on April 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sorrell Chapel.

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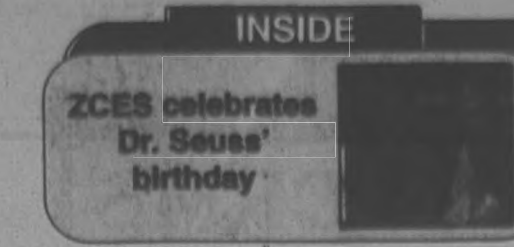
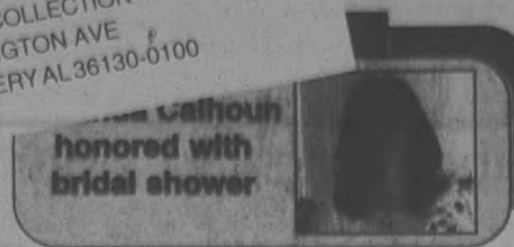
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Elba Police make theft and drug arrests

A theft investigation by the Elba Police Department led to the arrest earlier this week of several local residents.

Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey said the Elba Police investigators Andy Gunter and Tony Harrison recently have been investigating a local theft that led to the arrest this week of two Elba residents. He said Michael Dana Smith, age 43, and Joseph Truitt, age 45, both

During Coffee County Commission meeting Maintenance supervisor reports problems at jail

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the regular bimonthly meeting, Coffee County Commissioners received word Monday morning, March 13, of a few problems at the Coffee County Jail.

In his report to commissioners, county maintenance supervisor Phil Rugg said some prisoners attempted but failed to escape the jail. He said the prisoners got as far as the duct work in the facility before being caught.

Rugg said this failed attempt forced the need of some repair work to bars and the duct work.

Also, Rugg said there is an ongoing problem with prisoners breaking safety glass at the jail. He said he does not know how the prisoners are able to break the glass, but they are finding a way to do it quite often.

Commissioner Jim Thompson said he would like for either

of Adkison Street, Elba, were arrested and charged with theft in second degree.

Chief Hanchey said other arrests also are pending in this investigation.

While serving the arrest warrant for Smith, Chief Hanchey said officers issued a search warrant which led to the discovery of various quantities of "crack" cocaine, "powder" cocaine, marijuana, drug para-

phernalia including hypodermic syringes.

Upon this discovery, officers arrested Michael Dana Smith, age 43, of Elba. He was charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of untaxed liquor. Also arrested was Clisbe D. Thomas, age 28, of Elba (charged with possession of a controlled substance); Ricky Hill, age 32, of Elba (charged with possession of a controlled substance); Anita Funderburk, age 38, of Elba (charged with possession of a controlled substance) and Charles Howard, age 55, of Elba (charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia).

Assisting the Elba Police Department with the search and arrests were agents of the Alabama Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Board, Coffee

County Sheriff's Department. Chief Hanchey said additional arrests are pending.

In an unrelated investigation by the Elba Police Department and ABC Board, Chief Hanchey said Raymond Mitchell Stokes, age 53, and Linda Sue Stokes, age 51, both of Forest Hill Drive, Elba, have been arrested and charged with trafficking of a controlled substance, manufacturing a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Hanchey said the arrests followed the service of a search warrant executed at the suspects' residence.

Assisting in the investigation were members of the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and Twelfth Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force. Haz-Mat personnel also responded to the scene to dispose of the toxic waste associated with the manufacture of the drugs.

Elba City Council amends city budget to reflect garbage contract change

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday evening, but didn't get the usual report from the Chief of Police.

Mayor James Grimes explained that the Police Chief, Freddy Hanchey, was absent because officers were on "a detail." That turned out to be serving search warrants which resulted in arrests involving some stolen merchandise and

Sale of Dorsey Trailers facility moves closer to reality this week

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Elba Mayor James Grimes reported Tuesday that great progress is being made this week in the proposed (and long awaited) sale of the bankrupt Dorsey Trailer plant in Elba.

Grimes has been working for months to help complete a deal which would result in the reopening of this homegrown Elba manufacturing facility. Tuesday he said a deal has been signed, some money has changed hands and those close to the matter expect the deal to be completed soon.

Company executive Rod Scheer, from Colorado, and Grimes have discussed timing

for violation of various drug laws.

The first item council members tackled was amending the annual budget. This was to reflect the January change from contracting out garbage pickup to handling it "in house." The adjustments lowered the administrative expenses for the \$142,000 unspent amount of the annual garbage contract. It increased salaries for the sanitation department by \$42,000 and vehicle fuel by \$5,000.

Also adjusted was the capital expenditures, up by \$150,000 to cover the purchase of the new garbage truck, body and commercial dumpsters.

Gary Guthrie, chairman of the Board of Directors of The Peoples Bank of Coffee County, announces that Kelly Baxter has been named as the new president and CEO of PBCC, following the announcement by Doris Matthews that she will be retiring after 39 years of service to the bank.

Guthrie also announced that Doris Matthews, a graduate of Charles Henderson High School in Troy, Ala. He earned a BS degree in accounting and business administration from Troy University.

Baxter is also a graduate of the Alabama Banking School in Mobile, Ala., and has over 10 years of experience in commercial and retail banking.

He is a 17-year member of the United States Army Reserve.

An active member of the Alabama Banking Association and the Pike County Banking Association, Baxter is a board member of the Pike County American Cancer Society, the Pike County Chamber of Commerce and the Industrial Development Boards and the local Habitat for Humanity.

Baxter is married to the for-

mer Betsi Rape and they are the parents of 16-month-old twins. The Baxters attend the First Baptist Church of Troy.

A native of Huntsville, Ala., Giles has been a resident of Elba for 29 years and has been in the field of banking over 32 years.

He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham with a BS degree in accounting and business administration. Giles also graduated from the School of Banking of the South in Baton Rouge, La.

Giles is a veteran of the Vietnam War, having been awarded the Bronze Star for Valor and the Purple Heart.

A member of the City of Elba Industrial Development Board and the City of Elba Water and Electric Board, Giles is a past president and director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, past chairman of the City of Elba Zoning



NO BLOOD DONORS was the message in Elba Saturday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. The Red Cross got only a few pints of blood in Elba during their last visit, but were battling zero on this latest trip. Above, Red Cross worker Crystal Danford, of Montgomery and Alma West, of Coffee County volunteer, stand before the empty donor stations. Other Staff members were lounging around, laughing and sipping a cola as they waited for a live blood donor volunteer to come through the door.

Happy St. Patrick's Day - Friday, March 17th

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Baxter, Giles & Barnes named to new positions at The Peoples Bank of Coffee County

Barry M. Giles will be City President - Elba, and James Barnes will be City President - Enterprise.

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Board, and past member of the Elba Economic Development Board. He is also past president and a Paul Harris Fellow of the Elba Rotary Club where he presently serves as a member.

Giles is a member of the Elba United Methodist Church and serves on its finance committee and administrative board. He and his wife, Kathy, have three children: Kara and Warren (Elba) and Amy Giles Rodriguez of Dallas, Texas. Giles has three grandchildren.

A native of Coffee County and resident of Enterprise, Barnes has over 35 years of banking experience.

He is a graduate of the Alabama Banking School in Mobile. He currently serves on the Coffee County Family Services, Enterprise Chamber of Commerce and Salvation Army of Coffee County boards and is president of the Enterprise YMCA Board of Directors. Barnes is also a member of the Enterprise Lions Club.

Barnes is a member of the First Baptist Church of Enterprise, where he serves as a deacon and chairman of the budget and finance committee. His wife, Stacia, is a retired

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Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY has announced that qualifying for election year 2006 is underway and will continue up until Friday, April 7, at 3 p.m. Anyone interested in qualifying as a Democrat for any of the upcoming elections may contact Eddie Vaughan at (334) 897-2273, ext. 209 or (334) 897-4395 anytime.

THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, April 6, at the Coffee County Farm Center. Anyone interested in the honeybee is welcome to attend. For more information please call Elizabeth Whitaker at (334) 894-2077.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

"Sometimes we should keep our mouths shut just for the sake of common decency." That is a quote lifted from a daily paper opinion piece of several weeks ago. The subject was the 12 cartoons published by a Danish newspaper, featuring Islam's Prophet Mohammed in ways which offended many, many Muslims. The continuing fallout from those cartoons has included demonstrations, riots and killings. Often those dying are killed by the hand of fellow protesters, which is another confusing puzzle to many of us Americans. Our position on those cartoons apparently doesn't follow along with the opinions of many world's journalists. The first publishing was Freedom of the Press in its purest form, but obviously considered in bad taste by millions. The follow up printings of the offensive cartoons all around the world were brash and rude. All freedoms carry with them a heightened social responsibility. Those flaunting it so badly maybe don't deserve the freedom, or at best are abusing the very privilege that they enjoy and claim to be upholding. Remember . . . "Sometimes we should keep our mouths shut just for the sake of common decency." We could add "and in defense of our cherished freedoms."

On February 9th, right in the middle of the church arson fires, we voiced the following opinion: "When the dust settles, arrests are made, etc., it will just be a bunch of red neck outlaw types. It is a group out for what they think is a 'fun' evening with a few beers and some loud laughs. All because they think their actions are funny and/or give them a sense of power." Now arrests have been made and . . . yep . . . it was three guys enjoying their version of fun. There is also suspension that alcohol was involved. The professionals who try to understand human thinking still want to tack some "hate" motive to the arson, but in the branchlands of South Alabama, we just call it meanness. Meanwhile their parents (apparently all good folks) will surely explain it as young folks having fun that got out of hand.

The weather was beautiful during the past weekend. Saturday afternoon walking the levee was the route of choice for getting to the Clipper office. It was so nice, warm and a brisk breeze in the face, we walked on around to the old post office . . . just enjoying life. Sunday night the moon was beautiful, the stars shining and Heddy and yours truly again walked to town, just enjoying the weather, and life itself.

Politics are beginning to heat up. It was relatively calm as the Republicans started qualifying several weeks ago. Last week statewide Democrats got the chance to sign up and various local counties have kicked in since then. In Coffee County, Tuesday night was the magic start date for paying their qualifying fees. Citizens can expect promises and pleas for support to mushroom as the primary election day approaches. Each of us has, or will develop opinions. That is as it should be. However in recent years those opinions have taken on a far more dangerous face. More and more, all across the nation, voters are expressing hateful words to and about those other voters who voice a differing opinion. Be nice and remind us to do likewise.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Mar. 6, 2006, investigated the following incidents: one burglary, three for theft of property, one abandoned vehicle, one theft of services, two for criminal trespassing, one driving under the influence, one unauthorized use of a vehicle, one duty to remain at the scene and one domestic violence.

The following arrests were made: two for possession of a controlled substance, one for theft of property and one for failure to appear.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for no driver's license, two for speeding and one for no insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, MAR. 6 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to the post office parking lot (11:28 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1496 County Rd. 210 (11:32 a.m.); Minor wreck reported at the intersection of Reynolds and Martin Luther King Dr. (4:46 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1195 Claxton Ave. (9:40 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MAR. 7 - Three-vehicle wreck reported at the intersection of Hwy. 203 and Claxton Ave. (9:37 a.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 8 - Two-vehicle wreck reported at the intersection of Harris and Claxton Ave. (1:44 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a trailer fire on County Rd. 203 (6:11 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at 307 Adison (6:51 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MAR. 9 - Burglary of a shed (not in progress) reported at 1051 N. Morrow St. (8:09 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to Elba Elementary School in response of a fire alarm (12:20 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MAR. 10 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Bridgeville Trailers (6:04 a.m.); Accident (truck vs. fence) reported at Elba Elementary School (9:45 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 353 County Rd. 363 (2:25 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1032 Martin Luther King Dr., Lot 8 (8:39 p.m.); Prowler reported at 866 Cedar Lane Dr. (11:21 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MAR. 11 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to Runt's Texaco Station for a vehicle fire (4:18 a.m.); Domestic disturbance with weapons reported at 1591 Caroline St. (1:30 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (6:53 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (9:42 p.m.).

SUNDAY, MAR. 12 - Accident (vehicle in ditch) reported at Shiloh Dirt Rd. (12:55 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at the Riviera Motel, Room 101 (2:29 a.m.); Possible fight in progress reported in the Mulberry Park (8:22 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Simmons St. (9:42 p.m.).

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Uniform drive underway for Elba Marching Tiger Band

A drive is underway to buy new uniforms for the award-winning Elba Marching Tiger Band. The current uniforms are at



Elba Marching Tiger Band member Ashton Rodriguez is shown wearing a sample of the new uniform designed for the Elba Marching Tiger Band. While a majority of the funds have been saved by the Elba Band Boosters for the new uniforms, the band still needs the community's help in raising the remaining funds.

ALERT

The administration of the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home has placed into effect a visitor restriction. There will be no routine visiting of residents until further notice. No children please! Due to the widespread cases of flu, pneumonia, and respiratory infections in the community, visitation is being restricted. All visitors must report to the nurse's station for further instruction. Cooperation in this matter would be appreciated.

the end of a seven year run and are definitely showing signs of wear and tear. Through the continued support of the community, the Elba Band Boosters have saved almost \$30,000 toward the uniform goal of \$45,500. This currently leaves the organization \$15,500 short of the goal.

The band boosters now are asking anyone who can to purchase a uniform. A complete uniform costs \$365.

With the purchase of a complete uniform, a donor label will be placed inside the jacket. This way, each band member will know who provided their uniform.

Besides individuals, the boosters are calling on other organizations such as Sunday School classes, clubs, alumni groups, etc. to help achieve the uniform goal. A complete list of donors will be included in the 2006 football program.

Please consider making a contribution today. All donations are tax deductible and can be made at several locations including Elba High School, The Peoples Bank and Wachovia Bank.

Donations may be mailed to Elba High School, 371 Tiger Drive, Elba, AL 36323. Checks should be made payable to Elba High School and noted Band Uniform Account.

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• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall

• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. & Thurs. 8 a.m. United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom

• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizen Center

• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Supp. Office

• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month - 7:00 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School

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• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House

• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Po. Folks, Enterprise

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• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

• NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

• ELBA KIWANIS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Tuesday - 7 a.m. - Ranch House

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teacher with the Enterprise City School System. They have two children; Paul Barnes of Columbus, Ga. and Brandi Barnes Parton of Demopolis, Ala. Barnes has three grandchildren.

"We are thrilled to have employees the caliber of these three men working with The Peoples Bank of Coffee County," said Guthrie. "With their enthusiasm, experience and professionalism we know we will meet all the financial needs of the people of Coffee County."

CITY

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Monthly bills totaling \$131,987.13 were approved for payment. This included \$49,000 for the garbage truck body, the regular payment to the schools and the monthly payment on a bond issue.

The mayor reported that last Friday afternoon city crews used the collected rain water and tried out, or "exercised" the new storm drainage pumps behind the old high school. They operated them on both regular electric power and on the auxiliary generators. He noted three minor leaks were found in the pipes over the levee and were marked for the contractor to repair. Gauges also reported a leak within one of the pumps and this was also noted for repair.

Grimes said, "All in all, it was a good test and we think Elba is ready for any bad weather . . . but hope it doesn't come."

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Livingston Parker; one brother, Shelby Parker; and two sisters, Jean Moore and Joy Vickers.

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a daughter: Lynda Senn (husband Donald), Jack; a son: Larry Miller (wife Terry), Troy, Ala.; a sister: Mary Scutfield, Lexington, Ky.; a brother: Charles Holloway, Franklin, N.C.; one granddaughter: Anna Miller, Troy; one grandson: Don Senn, Jack; and one great-grandson.

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The family requests in lieu of flowers memorial contributions be made to Southside Baptist Church, c/o 522 South Brundidge Street, Troy, Alabama 36081; or to Southerncare Hospice, Inc. c/o 5 North Pointe Parkway Suite D & E, Enterprise, Alabama 36330.

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FUTURE LITTLE MISS ELBA...The 2006 Miss Elba pageants were held Saturday evening, March 4, from the Elba High School auditorium. In the Future Little Miss Elba category (from left) Sadi Boswell was named first runner up; Hailey Parrish was crowned Future Little Miss Elba; and Kymbria Bimbo was named second runner up.



LITTLE MISS ELBA...The 2006 Miss Elba pageants were held Saturday evening, March 4, from the Elba High School auditorium. In the Little Miss Elba category (from left) Maddie Chandler was crowned Little Miss Elba and Gabi Hernandez was named first runner up.



JUNIOR MISS ELBA...The 2006 Miss Elba pageants were held Saturday evening, March 4, from the Elba High School auditorium. In the Junior Miss Elba category (from left) Caitlin Lee was named first runner up; Megan Anderson was crowned Junior Miss Elba; and Lindsay McClung was named second runner up.



MISS ELBA...The 2006 Miss Elba pageants were held Saturday evening, March 4, from the Elba High School auditorium. In the Miss Elba category (from left) Britany Hudson was named second runner up; Lauren McClung was crowned Miss Elba; and Christina Bryant was named first runner up.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Attorney General Troy King honored by Troy University

Alabama Attorney General Troy King was honored Saturday, March 11, with Troy University's seventh annual Distinguished Leadership Award.

King, a 1990 TROY graduate, received the award from Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr., chancellor, at an awards banquet to be held in the Trojan Center ballrooms. The banquet was held in conjunction with the annual Alumni, Parents and Friends Reunion/Irish Week celebration at Troy University.

The Distinguished Leadership Award was created to recognize the achievements of TROY alumni and friends who have distinguished themselves through exemplary work, philanthropy, leadership and service to their profession, community and alma mater.

"We are thrilled to honor Attorney General Troy King as our 2006 Distinguished Leadership award winner," said Faith Ward, Troy University's director of alumni affairs. "Troy is certainly very deserving of this award, exemplifying his leadership skills daily as a leader in the State of Alabama."

King was appointed to the Alabama attorney general's post in March 2004 by Gov. Bob Riley. At the time of his appointment, he was serving as legal advisor to Gov. Riley, a position he had held since 2003. King also previously served as assistant attorney general, as well as deputy legal advisor and deputy

executive secretary in Gov. Fob James' administration.

As attorney general, King created the Family Protection Unit that focuses on the problems and solutions in the fight against abuse and exploitation of children and the elderly. He has been actively involved in the passage of Alabama's new Open Meetings Law, a new law to fight the spread of methamphetamine and the Alabama Community Notification Act that toughens the punishment of sex offenders and provides improved sex offender tracking procedures.

In addition to his degree from TROY, King is a graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law.

He is married to the former Paige Pinson of Montgomery, and the couple has a son, Briggs, and two daughters, Colleen and Asher.

Past winners of the Distinguished Leadership Award are: former Congressman



Alabama Attorney General Troy King and his son, Briggs, enjoy their ride in the annual St. Patrick's Parade at Troy University. King, a member of the class of 1990, served as grand marshal of the parade and received the University's Distinguished Leadership Award, its highest honor for an alumnus.

Earl Hutto, McDowell Lee, secretary of the Alabama Senate; Bob Howell, longtime television reporter and anchor; the late Earl Watson, former TROY athletic director; Harrel McKinney, founder of Alabama Reference Laboratories and sponsor of the McKinney Medical Scholarship at Troy University; and, Earl Johnson, former Andalusia mayor and the driving force behind the Bibb Graves Quadrangle renovation project.



The Birmingham Children's Theatre players performed "The Prince and the Pauper" March 6, 2006, for Enterprise 6th graders and 4th, 5th, and 6th graders of the County Schools (New Brockton, Zion Chapel and Kinston). This event was presented by the Coffee County Arts Alliance and was made possible by a generous donation from Southeastern ENT Allergy and Sinus Center. Appearing on the set of the Prince and the Pauper are 4th grade students from Mrs. Joe Sawyer's class in New Brockton. (left to right) Kayla Childs, Alize Flowers, Brandon Ainsworth and Marquise Neal.

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Section 2. In the event the amount paid to the election officer in Coffee County by the state pursuant to the general law equals or exceeds the amount provided in Section 1, this act shall be null and void and shall be repealed.

Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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/s/ Melissa Norman Morgan Court Reporter Representative

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Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our oldest daughter turned twenty-three last week, and while it is true that time flies, it seems almost impossible that one of my baby girls is really that old. It seems like just weeks ago that my wife went for a check-up and a few hours later Melissa came into the world, and I still look back and remember all the days we played ball in the yard and later bit my nails as I taught her how to drive. I know all children look forward to growing up and being on their own. However, this 'ole Dad still wishes the world would stop spinning so fast and give me many more years to be with my daughters while they are still young.

ONCE OVER LIGHTLY...

*** The Elba Tiger baseball team saw its schedule washed out by rain last week, and while the players and coaches always want to play, maybe it was good for the team to get away from the field for a few days. The Tigers have yet to win, and losses can be very frustrating for players that expect to win every time they take the field. There is still a lot of baseball left this season, and before long I am confident last week's rain-outs will be looked upon as a well needed rest.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers moved their record to 5-3 last week and continued to be one of the most competitive teams in the area. The Elba girls dropped games to Andalusia and Samson in a tournament, but everyone in attendance was impressed with the Lady Tigers skills and I am sure most of the coaches at the event wouldn't look forward to taking the field against the girls in black and gold. The sport of fast-pitch softball has become very competitive very fast, and there are no longer any easy wins on anyone's schedule. So, the season should still be filled with lots of excitement.

*** A quick look around the county revealed it is also an exciting spring for the baseball and softball teams from surrounding towns. Down at Kinston, the Bulldogs have struggled a little as they have looked to put the pieces together before area play, while the Lady Bulldogs have been as good as expected and are a true state title contender. Over at New Brockton, the Gamecocks have been the surprise of the young season as they have rolled over any and all challengers and have posted big numbers, while the Lady Gamecocks have struggled, but will no doubt get some wins as the season progresses. Up at Zion Chapel, the Rebels have struggled at times as they have tried to find the right line-ups and the right combinations, while on the softball field the Lady Rebels have made it known they will back down from no one on their schedule and have some big plans.

*** March Madness will officially tip-off this week when the NCAA begins its tournament, and for many of us it means long nights watching basketball games from across the nation and trying to keep up with the brackets. I don't think the SEC has any teams that can make a serious run at the title, but will watch the conference teams as long as they are alive, and will also pay attention to some of the teams I have grown fond of over the years, such as Syracuse and Michigan State. I don't think I will catch the madness, but it will make its way into the den.

*** The Alabama High School Athletic Association announced last week its plans to host the "Champions Challenge" in August and pit the state champs in football from a year ago in what they hope will become a popular and financially successful venture. UMS-Wright and Hoover have already agreed to meet on Aug. 26 in a 5A vs. 6A showdown, while also taking part in a 1A vs. 2A battle will be Addition and Clay County. Homewood and Pike County chose not to participate in the season opener, which will be held at Cramton Bowl, in Montgomery, and will be televised statewide. The state's all-star games have had little success in the pocket book over the year, but maybe this will work and just the fact it will be held in Montgomery is good news to me.

*** In closing, the youth baseball season is still a few weeks away, but the Elba leagues have already been awarded three tournaments. The Dixie Youth League has been chosen to host the District Tournament, which will mean an automatic berth in the event for the Elba All-Stars, while the Dixie Boys League has been picked to host Sub-District Tournaments in both the 13 and 14-year-old age divisions. Looks like a very exciting summer ahead for the players and coaches in the baseball leagues.

Up record to 3-1

Elba Lady Tigers roll past New Brockton 12-2 in five inning win

The Elba Lady Tigers hosted the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks last Monday afternoon and pulled away late to claim a big 12-2 victory as they improved their record to 3-1 on the young season.

Elba jumped out to an early 3-0 in the bottom of the first inning thanks to a double off the bat of Whitney Lawford and a single by Melanie Mularz and Michelle Aruz, only to see New Brockton plate a single run in the third to cut the lead to 3-1.

The Lady Tigers responded in their half of the inning and scored four runs to stretch their lead to 7-1. Melanie Mularz reached on a one-out error and Stephanie Baxley walked to set the stage for the Elba rally, while Whitney Lawford, Michelle Aruz and Kayla Miller all delivered key singles.

The Lady Gamecocks cut the lead to 7-2 in the top of the fourth thanks to two Elba errors, but the Lady Tigers again

bounced back and plated five runs in their next two at-bats to pull away and end the game with the 12-2 win. Elba took advantage of a hit batter, two walks, two errors and two wild pitches to plate two runs in the fourth, while in the fifth the Lady Tigers had a two-run single by Haley Stinson and an RBI single by Melanie Mularz to cap off the five-inning win.

Whitney Lawford and Melanie Mularz both had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and knocked in 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Michelle Aruz added 2 hits and scored 1 run and Kayla Miller and Haley Stinson both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Brandy Caldwell pitched two and two-thirds innings and allowed one hit, while striking out six batters, while Stephanie Baxley got the win as she pitched three and one-third innings and allowed no hits and no earned runs, and struck out seven batters.

In prep baseball action

Elba Tiger JV improve record to 7-3

The Elba Tiger junior varsity baseball team has enjoyed a busy spring on the diamond as they have rolled to a 7-3 record. Following are highlights of the season's action:

Highland Home 6 Elba 3

The Tigers opened the season with a 6-3 setback to the Highland Home Flying Squadron. Elba jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning when Justin Mallory reached on a one-out walk and later scored on an error, then moved ahead 3-1 in the third thanks to two walks, two free passes and a key single by Justin McLaughlin. Highland Home combined three hits with two walks and two errors to grab the lead at 6-3 in the fourth, and Elba stranded three base-runners over the final two innings as they were tagged with the loss. Justin McLaughlin had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Elba, while Devin Jackson added 1 hit and Justin Mallory scored 2 runs. Justin Mallory pitched two innings and allowed one run on no hits with five strike-outs.

Elba 16 Highland Home 11

The Tigers salvaged a split of the season-opening double-header by outscoring Highland Home 16-11 in the nightcap. Highland Home jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead in the top of the first, but this time the Tigers answered and took the lead as they took advantage of two walks, two hit batters and a clutch single by Brock Lambert to grab a 4-3 lead. Highland Home pulled even at 4-4 in the second, but Elba again refused to stay behind the tie line and plated six runs to take a 10-4 lead. Three errors helped the Tiger rally, while Sandarius Reed and Aaron Drewery both came through with key hits. Elba added two runs in the third to move ahead 12-4 and carried a 16-6 lead into the fifth, only to be forced to extinguish a late Highland Home rally to pull out the wild win. Brock Lambert had 2 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Sandarius Reed, Justin Mallory, Kyle Pope, Aaron Drewery, Devin Jackson and Jantzen Flowers all added 1 hit. Reed scored 4 runs to tie the Elba outburst and Mallory and Pope both scored 3 runs. Justin Mallory pitched four innings and allowed 6 runs on 4 hits, with 3 strike-outs, while Kyle Pope pitched one inning and allowed five runs on six hits and struck out two batters.

Elba 1 Highland Home 0

The Tigers claimed their second win of the season in the opening round of the Brantley JV Tournament as they posted a 1-0 win. Elba moved ahead 1-0 in the top of the third when Devin Jackson led off with a single and later scored on an RBI double by Dylan McCollough, and despite stranding three runners on third base in the five innings game held on and posted the 1-0 win. Dylan McCollough, Justin McLaughlin and Devin Jackson all had 1 hit to lead Elba, while Dylan McCollough pitched all five innings for Elba to get the win and shut-out Highland Home on 1 hit, with 5 strike-outs.

Elba 5 Luverne 0 - The Tigers claimed their second win in the Brantley JV Tournament by blanking Luverne 5-0. Elba took advantage of four walks, two errors and two-run double by Bradley Wilson to jump out to a 4-0 first inning lead, while the Tigers added a fifth run in the second inning when Dylan McCollough drew a lead-off

walk and later scored on a passed ball. Luverne loaded the bases in the third and put two men on base in the fifth, but failed to push across a run as Bradley Wilson had 2 hits, collected 2 hit's and scored one run to lead Elba at the plate, and also picked up the win on the mound as he pitched five innings and allowed no runs on five hits with 8 strike-outs. Dylan McCollough scored 2 runs to aid the Elba win and Sandarius Reed and Justin McLaughlin both scored 1 run.

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Goshen 10 Elba 9

The Tigers suffered their second straight loss as they were outscored by the Goshen Eagles 10-9. Andrew Head delivered an RBI single in the bottom of the fifth to pull Elba within 3-1, while the Tigers plated four runs in the third to take a 5-3 lead. Consecutive singles by Sandarius Reed, Justin Mallory and Justin McLaughlin and Justin Mallory both had 1 hit and 1 RBI. Bradley Wilson pitched all five innings for Elba to get the win and allowed one run on two hits, with seven strike-outs.

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Elba Lady Tiger Kendall Stinson (6) tosses a ball to short-stop Melanie Mularz as a T.R. Miller runner slides toward the bag. The Lady Tigers won two and lost two last week in the Andalusia Fast-Pitch Softball Tournament to move their record to 5-3.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)

Ryan Crane gets first super late model win in 30th Rattler 250

By Mark Chisum

Panama City's Ryan Crane picked up the first Super Late Model win of his career Sunday afternoon at South Alabama Speedway. His first win was a big one as he held off a late race charge from Ricky Turner to win the 30th Annual Rattler 250.

In Saturday's Pro Late Model Rattler 125, Ronnie Sanders set the fast time in qualifying and led the most laps. But in the end, Sanders couldn't hold off David Hole.

The racing in the last 20 laps was some of the best seen during the weekend with Sanders, Hole, Frank King, Bobby East, Bubba Pollard, and Steven Davis battling for the top spot.

King tried valiantly to get made of Hole to steal away the win, but Hole was strong enough on the outside to hold off King's challenge.

In the SuperTruck Rattler 100, Bubba Gale took the lead on lap 74 and went on to win the win. Gale led the field to the green flag after turning a lap of 17.779.

In the Super Stock Feature, Bill Brown grabbed the early lead from the pole. Brown set a fast early pace, building a 10-lap lead over Moblie's Donnie Hamrac. With a fifth lap feature, Hamrac settled into second and let Brown use his tires up before making his strike. That strategy never came into play as Brown pulled into the pits with overheating problems on lap 28 handing the lead to Hamrac.

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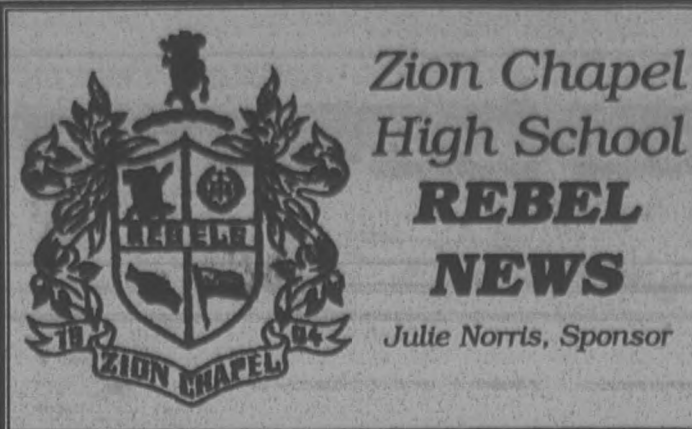
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IN OBSERVANCE OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH, Mrs. Vinson's fifth grade language arts class performed a readers' theater entitled, "The Montgomery Bus Boycott." This theater activity was designed to help produce good readers by allowing students to practice fluency and comprehension while learning about an important historical event.

Leverett receives scholarship to Troy University

Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr., Chancellor of Troy University, announced that Lindsay D. Leverett is a recipient of a Troy University scholarship. She will become a Trojan in the fall of 2006 and will be graduating from Zion Chapel High School. Miss Leverett will receive a Millennium Scholar's Award, which covers tuition, room and board, and it worth approximately \$40,000 over four years. Lindsay is the daughter of Kim and Shelia Leverett and the granddaughter of Hubert and Sue Kelley and the late Lomax and Elizabeth Leverett. Troy University serves more than 27,000 students worldwide.



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Zion Chapel elementary students celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday

Thursday, March 2, was an adventurous day for the students at Zion Chapel.

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday. The adventure began with a character parade where the children dressed as their favorite book character.

As the theme music played, over 100 students strolled around the school for the on-lookers to enjoy the elaborate, creative costumes. After the parade, the student body assembled and to take an oath to enrich their lives by reading.

The assembly concluded with the singing of the National Education Association's Read Across America Theme Song, "My Time."

To top off the event, 15 students were recognized and awarded for top spots in accelerated reading. When the students returned to their classrooms, a guest reader entertained each class by reading aloud a favorite book.

As the saying goes, "A good time was had by all."



Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf



Ramona Grantham reads to her granddaughter's class

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Fourth grade students participate in 4-H club public speaking contest

On Feb. 28, Mrs. Sharon Sasser's fourth grade classes participated locally in the Coffee County 4-H Club Public Speaking Contest.

Students gave speeches that were three to five minutes in length with the general purpose of educating or informing the audience (informative), or to inspire or to motivate a certain kind of thinking (persuasive). Speeches were judged on content, importance and appropriateness of the issue and oral presentation skills. The winners at the school level then traveled to the county contest held March 6 in New Brockton.



Kelsea Fillingim won first place overall in the county contest in the Informative category and will represent Zion Chapel at the district competition this summer at Troy University.

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Baseball camp set to be held April 8th

A baseball camp for ages 5 and up will be held April 8 from 9-11 a.m.

The coaching staff, as well as former or present college players, will conduct the camp. Instruction will be given in hitting, bunting, base running, infielding, outfielding, pitching and catching.

The groups will be divided up by age. The cost for the camp is \$25. Participants who pre-register by March 24 will get a free t-shirt.

Checks can be mailed to Elba Baseball, 371 Tiger Drive, Elba, AL 36323. Please include the participant's name, phone number, age, and phone number, as well as the entry fee.

For more information call 897-2266.



Tiger Tales

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JV CHEERLEADERS FOR 2006-2007 ATHLETIC SEASON (by Tori Brooks). On Friday, March 3, girls grades sixth through eighth tried out for J.V. cheerleading for the year of 2006-2007. 10 young ladies were selected for ability, athleticism and school spirit. The following girls were chosen: Tamara Burks, Lindsey Carley, Taylor Creel, Selina Dodd, Cortnee Driggers, Aaliyah Horstead, Molly McGuire, Kayla Rials, Bethany Wilson and Karizmah Yelverton. Congratulations on a job well done.

Elba JV softball team enjoying successful season

by Ashton Rodriguez

February 28 saw the JV Softball team coming out with a big win over Arton 5-2. Kayla Rials, Cortlin Lee, and Brittany Gilbert each had singles for the team, and Bethany Wilson and Courtney Driggers worked the opposing pitcher for a walk. Lindsey Carley raked up the win on the mound for the Lady Tigers.

The young Tigers were on the field again March 2nd when the Lady Tigers fell to the Zion Chapel Rebels 7-4. Bethany Wilson led the team with a double and a walk. Lindsey Carley added two singles and Molly McGuire one. Chessi Cross also added a single and a walk. Although the girls battled hard, this was a tough loss for the Lady Tigers after Tuesday's win.

Monday, March 6, The Lady Tigers took the field once again, and they were looking to redeem themselves for their loss against Zion Chapel. With Lindsey Carley again on the



Elba's Junior Varsity Softball team

mound, Elba's JV won big—11-5. In addition to great pitching, Lindsey Carley had two doubles. Joining her with a hot bat were Brandy Caldwell with a double and a single; Kayla Rials and Chessi Cross with 2 singles each; and Megan Anderson, Molly McGuire, and Bethany Wilson with one single each. Megan Anderson and Cortlin Lee also added to the team totals with one walk each. Overall, this game was a great win for the young Tigers.

The Lady Tigers faced the

Kinston Bulldogs in a cross-country rivalry March 7. Lindsey Carley pitched a great game and came through at the bat as well, with both a double and a single; Megan Anderson also added a double and a walk. Teammate Chessi Cross also doubled. Kayla Rials, Bethany Wilson and Molly McGuire each singled. After a great team effort, the Tigers came out with a big 7-5 win.

Elba golfers begin 2006 season

by Timothy Jackson

This past week, the Elba High golf team packed their clubs and laced their shoes as the new season started, traveling to unfamiliar territory for the first two matches of the year.

The Tigers have been working hard for over a month in preparation to bring their "A-game" onto the course and were tested at both Andalusia and Enterprise's country clubs. For those who don't know the rules behind these designated high-school golf matches, each team picks their top five players to play and the four lowest scores are tallied up to get the team's combined score.

The first match was held at Andalusia Country Club, with teams from Andalusia, Enterprise and Elba competing to shoot the best score. The first match is always bombarded with butterflies and nerves, and needless to say, the Elba golfers felt their fair share of them!

With no help from the gusty winds, the Tigers' poor ball striking and putting contributed to numerous struggling rounds. Elba's low man was Jamison Baker, shooting an 86 (+14), and not too far behind him was the remainder of the team, falling hard to last place.

This past Monday, Elba's second match took place at



Enterprise Country Club, playing along with teams from Enterprise, Houston Academy and Carol High. Again, the "golf gods" were blowing the trees down and causing the course to play tougher than usual, but after a week to hone their games, Elba was ready to hit the fairways. The lowest score out of ALL the teams was an 80 (+8), indeed showing how hard the course was playing.

The Tigers played diligently, allowing some mistakes, but getting the job done and placing third out of the four teams.

Elba's low man was Timothy Jackson, struggling to hammer out an 81 (+9), one stroke behind the leading scorer.

In the past two matches, Elba's golf team have had their eyes opened and have gained a much-needed boost of confidence to progress through the remainder of the season with a good practice regimen and hopeful, positive attitudes.

Journalism Spotlight

by Melanie Mularz

This week's Journalism Spotlight features Ciara O'Megan Burrows.

Ciara is a junior at EHS and is the 16-year-old daughter of Quin and Anna Burrows. She is an active member of HCCLA and the volleyball team.

Since Ciara is a busy teenager, in the little spare time she has, she enjoys talking on the phone, going to the movies, going to



Ciara Burrows

church and spending time with her family and friends. She loves hanging out with her two best friends, Jene Wilson and Melanie Mularz. She stated, "Without them, I would feel lost."

Her favorite part of being in journalism is taking pictures of the student body, the ability to show of her writing skills and express her thoughts about many different situations.

Ciara is classified as a care-free, smart person with a very "down to earth" attitude.

Elba JV baseball team participates in tournament

by Sydney Brunson

The Elba junior varsity baseball team participated in a junior high tournament March 3rd and 4th in Arton.

The Tigers first faced off against the Zion Chapel Rebels and came out on top with a 1-0 victory. Mallory, Vaughan and Head all had hits for Elba. Eighth grader, Justin McLaughlin pitched five innings, giving up only one hit, striking out two, and walking two.

The second game the young Tigers played the Brantley Bulldogs. Vaughan, Pope and Lambert all had one hit for the Tigers, while Mallory added two hits. Lambert also had one RBI, and Mallory raked up two. Mallory, Pope, and McLaughlin all pitched for the Tigers, who led 4-1 for the first three innings. The Bulldogs tied the game in the fifth, and then took the lead to give the Tigers a heartbreaking loss in the sixth.

The third game of the tournament was an early one. The Tigers played Saturday morning at 9:30 against Goschen. Because of the previous loss, this game presented a must-win situation for the Tigers. Reed,



Elba's Junior Varsity Baseball team

Mallory and Vaughan all had one hit each, with McLaughlin adding two hits each. Mallory also added a double. Reed and Jackson added to their on-base percentage by being hit by a pitch as did Head and Flowers when they walked. Even though the team effort was strong, crucial errors cost the Tigers this game, with a close 10-9 loss in the bottom of the fifth.

The J.V. boys had a chance to redeem themselves on Monday, March 6, when they faced the Brantley Bulldogs again, this time in Brantley. With Nelson on the mound, the Tigers took an early 2-0 lead in the first. Wilson, McLaughlin, and Mallory each had one hit, while McCullough, Mallory, and

Vaughan each walked. Freshman Wilson was on a roll, pitching five innings, giving up only one run and two hits, with seven strikeouts and only two walks. The Tigers won the game 2-1 to bounce back from the weekend's loss.

Cosch Buckelew said, "The team has shown great effort all year. I am extremely proud of each player. I have encouraged them to play summer ball to help them hone their skills and to learn to play together even better. I believe all of them are committed to helping turn our program around here at EHS, and this will be a key component in our continued success. I expect all of them to follow through with this commitment." Congratulations, Tigers; keep up the good work!

Elba High sends several students to English tournament at LBWCC

by Christina Bryant

On Friday, March 3, many students varying from 6A to 1A schools attended the 30th Annual Language and Fine Arts Tournament and The Second Congressional District's Art Competition at LBWCC Community College.

Students competed in different tests and events such as grammar, reading, composition, vocal solo and individual oral interpretation.

Students from Elba High that attended were Timothy Jackson,

Judson Vaughan, Shawanna Wright, Shawnda Whitfield, Kayla Kelley, Jamey Greek, Melanie Mularz, Michael Hall, Justin Williams, Sydney Brunson, Whitney Anderson, Chase E. Boutwell and Stephanie Corder.

This is the first year Elba has ever attended the event, so sponsor Wanda Buckelew was very proud when students Jamey Greek and Judson Vaughan placed third in individual oral interpretation and the vocal solo competition.

Congrats to all participants!

Corrections:

• The 2005-2006 Journalism Staff would like to apologize for the mistake in the AEC Top 10 article. Wade Kindred's name was inadvertently left out of the article. He was a member of the AEC Top 10 and also the Top 5. Again, we are truly sorry. Congratulations, Wade, for your accomplishment.

• A mistake also occurred in the math competition article where a typographical error caused Lauren McClung's first place award in the math competition to be listed as fifth. Congratulations, Lauren!

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STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND STAFF await word from Elba firefighters on what caused the fire alarm in the Elba Elementary School to sound last Thursday at noon. It was determined to be a false alarm and classes resumed, much to the dismay of many happy students.



LOOK AT ME, LOOK AT ME! Students soon began enjoying the unscheduled break.

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STUDENTS WERE EATING when the fire alarm sounded. They followed the training of many drills and immediately stood and filed out of the lunchroom and into the parking lot.



WAY UP ON THE HILL! Some classes watched the action from the safety of the hillside as firefighters inspected the school building for any sign of a fire last Thursday afternoon.



IT WAS A GAME of posing for the camera as teachers tried to keep order while awaiting the all clear signal that would allow all to return to their respective classes. However teachers were not so sure the excitement could be controlled in the two hours of school left that day.



Zackery Coward, an Elba Kindergarten student had his noon meal interrupted, but he prepared to return. He brought his unopened plastic fork packet with him to the safe area outside the school.



Staff and Elba firefighter ponder the fire alarm problem.

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During County BOE meeting

Superintendent presents draft of proposed school calendar for 2006-07 school term

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the regular monthly meeting Thursday, March 9, Coffee County Board of Education members received a draft of the proposed school calendar for school term 2006-07.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram quickly noted that some changes had to be made to the proposed calendar as schools will be increasing the number of instructional days from 175 to 180 for the 2006-07 school term. Also, she said the Coffee County School System most likely will have to start the term a few days later than normal because of the arrival of test scores from the state.

In the proposed calendar, Ingram said the school term will probably begin Aug. 7th. In the past, school has been out for the entire week of Thanksgiving;

however, Ingram said the proposed calendar does not give the whole week off. Also, she said the calendar will change in regards to Spring Break as the system will go from 10 days off to only five days off.

With the changes at Thanksgiving and Spring Break, Ingram said the system will still be able to end the school term at the end of May. She said the proposed calendar has the last day for students on May 30th and the last day for teachers on May 31st.

No action was taken by board members regarding the calendar. Ingram said she wanted to get it out for review, and the board will vote to accept the proposed calendar at a later date.

With Spring Break set to begin the day after the March 9th board meeting, the superin-

tendent had a promising report regarding the renovation work at New Brockton High School.

Ingram said a good deal of progress has been made in the past few weeks. She said contractors plan to be finished by April 15th.

Ingram said other projects also are progressing including roof work at Zion Chapel Elementary School.

In regards to personnel issues, board members unanimously approved the following:

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• Accept the resignation of Dorothy Little, teacher at New Brockton Elementary School, effective the last day of her current contract.

• Continue the employment of Daphne Cook as an ARI regional reading coach trainer for the

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ARW, ARCM employees recognized for safety

Elba Chip Mill marks 14 years with no injuries

Employees of Alabama River Woodlands (ARW) and Alabama River Chip Mills (ARCM) were recognized for outstanding safety achievement during a company-wide meeting and lunch held Tuesday, March 14, at the ARW office in Claiborne.

Alabama River Woodlands President Richard Koger commended employees for their safety performance and congratulated the group for its "commitment, dedication and attitude that made this accomplishment possible."

Koger challenged employees, stating, "We want to celebrate the safe work practices you have demonstrated as well as the fact that we have avoided a serious injury for so long, but we must remember that there is always room to improve. We must keep our focus now and in the future on thinking through each task involved in our jobs to avoid all injuries."

Alabama River Woodlands employees at Claiborne have worked over 11 years without a lost time injury. Employees at the Demopolis Woodyard and Elba Chip Mill facilities have remained accident-free for 14 years. Employees at the Jackson's Gap Chip Mill have a 6-year safety record.

During the meeting, Koger presented each ARW and

ARCM employee with a gift certificate valued at \$50.

"I am extremely proud of our employees for reaching these safety milestones," Koger declared. "The commitment to work safely every day has earned our company one of the best safety records in our industry. I challenge you to continue forward and to practice safety



From Left to Right: Mark Byal, Donnie Piggott, Wanda Weed, Donny Bodford, Michael Perry, Tony Jones, David Mathews and Nathan Miles

daily at home as well as on the job."

Alabama River Woodlands and Alabama River Chip Mills are owned by Parsons & Whittemore of New York and serve as the wood suppliers for the two pulp mills and newspaper plant located at the Alabama River Mill Complex at Claiborne in Monroe County.

Bozeman named president-elect of Cattleman's Association

Max Bozeman, a fulltime cattle producer and farmer from Coffee County was elected president-elect of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association at the 63rd annual convention held in Birmingham.

Eric Smith, a Pickens County cattle producer, was named president; Orland Brinnell of Russellville was elected vice president and Ned Ellis of Fort Deposit, treasurer.

Billy Powell of Montgomery serves as executive vice president.

Bozeman grew up on a diversified family farm in Crenshaw County. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Troy State University in 1975 and bought a farm in Coffee County that same year.

Bozeman started in the cattle business in 1979 and today owns a large crossbred cow herd and runs a few stockers. He grows some corn silage for the cows along with a hay program.

Bozeman is extremely active in leadership positions with the beef cattle industry in Alabama. He has served as president of

the Alabama BCIA, is a member of the Alabama Farmers Federation state beef committee, chairman of the Coffee County bull sale committee, is on the county extension council and is past president of the Coffee County Cattlemen's Association.

Bozeman also served as Regional Vice President of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association and has just completed a term as vice president.

Max and wife Kathy, a registered nurse; have two sons - Steve, an appraiser with the Federal Land Bank, and Charles, a landscaper in Birmingham.



Newly elected officers for the Alabama Cattlemen's Association include local resident Max Bozeman (second from left) as president-elect. Other officers include Eric Smith, president; Orland Brinnell, vice president; Ned Ellis, treasurer; and Billy Powell, executive vice president.



MEMBERS OF THE ELBA FIRE DEPARTMENT discuss the situation Wednesday afternoon, March 15, after extinguishing a fire inside the home located at 864 Washington Avenue. The fire department was dispatched to the scene of the structure fire at approximately 3:37 p.m. last Wednesday afternoon. They were able to quickly gain control of the fire and put it out before it spread across the home. Also responding to the scene were units from the Elba Police Department, Coffee County EMS and the City of Elba Electric Department. The scene above shows firefighters discussing the situation with Chief Danny Jordan while fans were being used to extract smoke from the residence.

Sen. Holley/Rep. Spicer speak at Legislative Breakfast held in Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

With a crowd of approximately 50 people in attendance, Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer attended a Legislative Breakfast sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce Friday morning, March 10, to speak of matters being considered and decided by the Alabama Legislature.

In what Rep. Spicer referred to as a record year, he said legislators want to be conservative not liberal with budgets.

At the time of the breakfast, Rep. Terry Spicer

Holley said the current legislative session was a "breakthrough" session. He said he believed it's the best education budget I've ever voted for," said Holley. "We were able to do a lot of good things for public education."

Through the education budget, Spicer said legislators

will be able to do a lot of good things for public education."

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Elba Chamber of Commerce plans "Dining for Signs" event

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted a "Dining for Signs" event in August of 2004. The purpose of the event was to raise funds for the purchase of a lighted, brick sign to be placed at the Highway 87 (Troy Highway) entranceway into the

City of Elba.

Chamber officials said the event was an overwhelming success, and construction of the enhanced welcoming tool recently was completed at the Hwy. 87 entranceway.

Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, announced this

week that the chamber is planning a second "Dining for Signs" event for Thursday, May 18, at the Elba Recreation Center, Claxton Avenue, at 6:30 p.m.

"We had a great response from the first 'Dining for Signs' and look forward to this upcoming event," Whitworth said. "Plans are to use funds raised through this effort to construct a welcome sign at the Highway 84 East entranceway into Elba."

As before, tables will be sponsored by different members of the community during "Dining for Signs." The event will include a catered meal and entertainment.

For more information regarding "Dining for Signs" contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce office at 897-3125.

Area Happenings

ATTENTION: There will be a meeting Thursday, March 30, at 6 p.m. at New Ebenezer Baptist Church (Curtis community) for the purpose of starting a Volunteer Fire Department in the Curtis Community. Anyone living within a 5-mile radius of the water well is asked to attend this meeting. Ray Mott of the Alabama Forestry Commission will be at the meeting to help organizers get started. For questions, call 897-2583.

THE COFFEE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY has announced that qualifying for election year 2006 is underway and will continue up until Friday, April 7, at 5 p.m. Anyone interested in qualifying as a Democrat for any of the upcoming elections may contact Eddie Vaughan at (334) 897-2273, ext. 209 or (334) 897-0395 anytime.

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL INC. OF JACK will sponsor the Future Little Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Zion Chapel pageants Saturday, April 1, at the Zion Chapel High School auditorium. Future Little Miss and Little Miss will begin at 8 p.m. Junior Miss and Miss will begin at 6:30 p.m. All area queens are invited to attend.

THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, April 6, at the Coffee County Farm Center. Anyone interested in the honeybee is welcome to attend. For more information please call Elizabeth Whitaker at (334) 894-2077.

NEWS BRIEF

The Coffee County Elba Division Grand Jury met in regular session Thursday, March 16.

The Grand Jury inquired into a total of 37 cases handling down 33 indictments with 29 being felonies and four being misdemeanors. The Grand Jury also returned four no bills.

Arraignments for indictments handed down by this Grand Jury are scheduled for Thursday, April 13, at the Elba Courthouse.